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Have you updated the factsheet?

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Tar Creek update is on the agenda for the next DOI/EPA meeting. Please prepared a 5-8 minutes presentation for your part; Ursula - OU4, Mike - OU2, John - pilot (please include your film).

Please also update the fact sheet to hand out at the meeting, suggest use the following format (the information are old). John, please add OU5 to the fact sheet. I also attached the latest fact sheet we developed for Inhofe for your information.

John - Please develop a fact sheet for the chat pilot to hand out at the meeting too.

THANKS!!!

Operable Unit 1 - Surface Water and Ground Water

After-Action Monitoring (AAM, Remedial Action) is ongoing as a continuation of the Record of Decision issued in 1984. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ, through a Cooperative Agreement [CA] with the EPA) is currently amending the CA to include the sampling and analysis of the ground water from several water wells completed into the Roubidoux Aquifer. The ODEQ is also planning to continue the well plugging program.

The Tribes have voiced concerns about conducting a more comprehensive surface water study in potentially impacted areas downstream from the mining area. EPA is not currently planning to conduct additional work in this area until the impacts in the mining areas upstream have been addressed. The EPA Region 6 Water Quality Protection Division has awarded a grant, under the Clean Water Act, to ODEQ to perform studies of Tar Creek, Beaver Creek, Neosho River, and Spring River. Data collected under this grant will also, in part, address the future monitoring concern stated in the Second Five-Year Review Report that was conducted on this site in April 2000.

Operable Unit 2 - Residential Areas

Residential Remedial Action (RA) for Operable Unit 2 (OU2). - The objective of the Residential RA is to reduce the ingestion by humans, especially children, of surface soil in residential areas contaminated with lead at a concentration greater than or equal to 500 parts per million. Approximately 1647 properties have been remediated as of today. The remediation of approximately 457 properties will commence around the end of this calendar year. Until recently, this work was on hold because EPA did not receive a 10% cost share commitment from the State of Oklahoma. In June of this year, State legislature has approved the cost share commitment. EPA will also begin the cleanup of contaminated areas on seven school properties in the cities of Miami and Picher in approximately 3 weeks. Sampling of other parts of Ottawa County are ongoing and additional residential cleanups in non-mined areas of the county are anticipated.

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Operable Unit 4 - Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for Mining Waste

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31, 2001, to discuss the Special Notice and the planned RI/FS. The mining company PRPs requested a more detailed RI/FS SOW from EPA, prior to committing to perform and finance the RI/FS. The EPA issued the Amended Draft RI/FS SOW on May 24, 2001. The EPA has not received a "good-faith" offer as requested in the Special Notice.

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Operable Unit 5 - Sediment Evaluation


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